

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A packing member for packing a substantially spherical object to be packed comprising:

a recessed accommodating part, which has a slope at its side and whose opening area increases upward, for accommodating the object,

wherein the packing member can accommodate the plurality of objects in a horizontal direction,

wherein a packing body can be formed by piling the packing member and the object alternately.

2. (Original) The packing member of claim 1,

wherein the object is a compressor, and a depth of the accommodating part from an upper end face of the packing member is not higher than 25 % of overall height of the compressor.

3. (Currently amended) The packing member of claim 1 or 2, further comprising:

a keeping part for keeping space between a bottom of an object to be packed and a top part of another object to be packed below the object,

wherein the keeping part has a shape forming a hollow part, and can keep a certain interval between the upper object and the lower object via the hollow part.

4. (Original) The packing member of claim 1, further comprising:

an upper end face; and

a slide rail part formed across opposite sides of the packing member at the upper end,

wherein the object detached from the accommodating part can move along the slide rail part.

5. (Original) The packing member of claim 1, further comprising:

a protruding part for supporting a periphery of a top part of the object at its lower surface,

wherein the protruding part extends a position near a maximum outer diameter of a periphery of the object.

6. (Original) A packing body comprising:

a substantially spherical object to be packed;

a packing member for packing the object; and

a pallet for forming a base section of the packing body,

wherein the packing body is constructed by piling the object, the packing member and the pallet,

wherein the packing member has a recessed accommodating part, which has a slope at its side and whose opening area increases upward, for accommodating the object.

7. (Original) The packing body of claim 6,

wherein the object is a compressor, and a depth of the accommodating part from an upper end face of the packing member is not higher than 25 % of overall height of the compressor.

8. (Original) The packing body of claim 6,

wherein the packing member further includes:

a keeping part for keeping space between a bottom of an object to be packed and a top part of another object to be packed below the object,

wherein the keeping part has a shape forming a hollow part, and can keep a certain interval between the upper object and the lower object via the hollow part.

9. (Original) The packing body of claim 6,

wherein the packing member further includes:

an upper end face; and

a slide rail part formed across opposite sides of the packing member at the upper end,

wherein the object detached from the accommodating part can move along the slide rail part.

10. (Original) The packing body of claim 6,

wherein the packing member further includes:

a protruding part for supporting a periphery of a top part of the object at its lower surface,

wherein the protruding part extends a position near a maximum outer diameter of a periphery of the object.

11. (Original) The packing body of claim 6, further comprising:

a shaft for penetrating through a substantially center of the packing member,

wherein the shaft is fixed to the pallet and a top packing member of the packing members.

12. (New) The packing member of claim 2, further comprising:

a keeping part for keeping space between a bottom of an object to be packed and a top part of another object to be packed below the object,

wherein the keeping part has a shape forming a hollow part, and can keep a certain interval between the upper object and the lower object via the hollow part.